

Together WE Build

Our Red Sea Community

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BREAKING



NEWS:

New openings:

✦ **Fitness Center** in the Student Commons (cafeteria/diner building); **Open** from: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily; **Eligible** users: KAUST faculty, students and employees; **Entry**: KAUST Identification Card; Qualified and professional fitness personnel available to assist you with your exercise needs. For more info, please **contact** Mark Carroll at 0540202947.

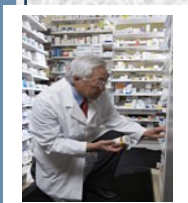
✦ **SAMBA Bank**, located at the corner by Discovery Square; hours initially are Saturday thru Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

✦ **Coffee Republic**, located in Building 12 (Campus Library); gourmet coffee, sandwiches, snacks and cake.

✦ **Dr. SAUD Pharmacy**, located in KAUST Square, Building H-4300 B (shop RT4); prescription and non-prescription medications, body care products and accessories (**NOT** affiliated with the KAUST medical clinic); **OPEN** 7 days/week: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.

AND:

✦ **New Bus Routes**, with color-coded destinations, have actual bus stops. Logistics Services has 3 maps showing where the shuttles go. Frequency and “special circumstances” are questions to ask about.



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If you are not yet getting a copy of this community newsletter and want to, send me an email:

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If you have something community relevant to announce, send me an email:

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Contributions to this community newsletter are **encouraged, invited, needed.**

GROUPS are FORMING

Check inside to see **who** is doing **what** and how you can **join them**.

Some of the men in our KAUST Fire Brigade



Nicholie Jerry Melvin Len Neelam



Ando Christopher Pieter Samson Carlo Rosareth

Melvin (in the left-hand picture) is from the Philippines. After 7 years of government work, he moved to Bahrain where he spent 6 years. Melvin, like the others in the Fire Department, was already a firefighter before joining KAUST's Fire Brigade. Nonetheless, he and his colleagues still participate in additional training sessions as part of their KAUST job.

Everyone in the right-hand picture is also from the Philippines, except for Pieter. He is from South Africa and has been involved in firefighting for 15 years, 2 of them were working for the UN and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Pieter and Samson (to the right of Pieter) are both lieutenants.

One captain, 3 lieutenants, 3 drivers, 7 firefighters and 1 paramedic make up the human teams; 2 fire trucks, 1 hydraulic lift for those hard to reach places, and 2 fire rescue ambulances are the wheels. Each team works 12 hours a day, 4 days per week.

Hopefully the only time you'll see them is when they're waxing down their vehicles, practicing their skills behind the station, or when you choose to stop by the fire station for a chat. If you do have occasion to need them, **remember**

911 gets them to you in your time of need.

Did you know . . .

- that the **sword** on the Saudi Arabian national flag symbolizes justice and strength?
In the early days, the sword was curved for a very specific reason: it wouldn't poke the rider or the horse he was riding on while wearing his sword.



Did you know ...

- that the name "*Persian Gulf*" is used on most maps to refer to the Arabian Gulf, which is how that body of water is known in the KSA?

Did you know. . .

- that the **palm tree** is a significant symbol of the K.S.A.? Every part of it – from the bark to the fruit – is used by many Saudi people.



Did you know . . .

- mommas and children have formed **play groups** to keep the little ones (0-3-yrs of age) entertained and to make new friends? They meet on **Saturday, Monday + Wednesday**, 8:30 am to 11:00 am in the Island Oasis Center (ECC). This is **not** a drop-off or babysitting activity. Join the fun! **TOYS** are graciously invited/accepted. Contact Cortney (cortaliesa@gmail.com) with your questions.

Did you know ...

- that the **ceramics group** is now an official **KAUST** club? They are now working on creating a real studio with lots of space for equipment and activity. Interested in working with clay and kilns? Contact minna.lehvaslaiho@kaust.edu.sa



Did you know ...

- that **basketball league** play is coming to KAUST? **WELL** – **only if** you participate, that is. **SIGN UP** at the Island Oasis Center (ECC) **by Nov. 5** for full-court action; 5 on 5 court play; 25-minute halves; elementary and high school outdoor courts = venues; 16+ age requirement; referees and whistles supplied. Singles and teams invited !

Did you know . . .

- that a **KAUST Community Council** is forming? The ups & downs in housing, schools, security, recreational opportunities, etc. are present in our minds. Here at **KAUST** it's **not** every person for himself or herself; it's **ALL HANDS ON DECK!** Group leaders, organization builders, and involved others will comprise the Council. If you want to participate in finding ways to strengthen and maintain our work and play community, contact communitycouncil@kaust.edu.sa
- AND:
- that a **Residents' Discussion Forum** is developing? This is a chance to help build a close-knit **KAUST** community. Residents can share relevant information, and post information about newly formed clubs, groups, social events and discuss problems. Contact mandeep271@gmail.com to contribute.

Did you know. . .

- that the **HelpDesk** is able to take your requests via email? FChelpdesk@kaust.edu.sa Should you use the email address, be sure to include your **ID number, name, residential address, contact** phone number, and what maintenance **service(s) you need**. You can still phone them, if you prefer.
- that the Logistic Support Division wants to meet with a group of parents and residents to discuss shopping and shuttle bus issues? Write iffatsaadeh@gmail.com if you are interested in attending and Mr. Al-Omar will set a date and time.



Did you know ...

- that you, TOO, can learn Arabic? Though classes already started, you can contact zuhair.khayyat@kaust.edu.sa to find out about other scheduling possibilities. The Arabic Teaching Group looks forward to meeting you.

Did you know ...

- ☛ that I had 2 really good pictures of the **new fruit & vegetable** stand that will be on the patio **across from** Tamimi Market on **Mondays** from 5pm to 8pm **and** on **Fridays** from about 1:30pm to about 9pm? I DID, but mobile phone technology got the best of me! I'll go back on Friday for a **real photo** or 2.

Something Tasty

Baba Ghanoush

3 large eggplants;
3 or 4 cloves garlic, crushed;
½ C taheeni (sesame oil);
salt (to taste)

juice of 3 lemons;
½ tsp cumin;
2 TBsp chopped parsley;

Pierce eggplants in several places with a fork and roast over an open flame or 4 inches under the broiler until skin blackens and blisters, turning as necessary. When cool, peel and toss out charred skin. Mash the eggplants with a fork and then add crushed garlic and salt. Pound to a smooth, creamy puree. Add the taheeni and lemon juice alternately, blending well between each addition. Add cumin and parsley. Serve as appetizer with Arab bread in quarters.

SCHEDULES / SCHEDULING:

Golf anyone? The Safaa Golf Club is open and offering **free** golf lessons, and more. Want to know more than what is here? Contact golf@kaust.edu.sa; 808-6150 or 808-6158.

Saturday = closed;

Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday = 6 pm – 7 pm = Open Lessons / all levels;

Monday = Junior Class = 6 pm – 7 pm;

Wednesday = Competition evening, all levels = 6 pm – 7 pm;

Friday = Fun Night for all ages and all levels = 6 pm – 7 pm.



SOURCES tell me that the **COMMUNITY LIBRARY** is mere days away from opening, and that the **HARBOR RECREATION CENTER / SPORTS CLUB** is scheduled to open on **NOVEMBER 11**. Most of the facilities there will be available (just not the swimming pools, yet).

Words' worth:



إن البعوضة تُدْمِي مَقْلَةَ الْأَسَدِ

- **Literal meaning:** A mosquito can make the lion's eye bleed.



In other words – small is powerful, in its own way.

GOING SOMEWHERE?

Hofuf (Al-Hofuf, or Al-Hufuf and in Arabic: **ال Hofuf**) is the major urban center in the huge Al-Ahsa Oasis located in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia. The Al-Ahsa oasis is the largest spring-fed oasis in the world. Also, Hofuf is the closest city to the famous Ghawar oil field, one of the world's largest conventional (land-based) fields.

Hofuf is one of the major cultural centers in Saudi Arabia. Legend places this as the burial place of Laila and Majnoon, the star-crossed pair of the most popular love story in the Arab and Muslim world.

The **Ibrahim Palace** (Qasr Ibrahim) was built in 963 AH during Ottoman Rule and, along with the Jebel Qara **caves** and pottery caves, makes Al-Hofuf a great outing – only 130km from the Jeddah International Airport.

[Information from Wikipedia]

Potpourri

Are you available to look after two adorable kitties during the November Eid break? Do you need someone to take care of your pet(s) or plants while you are gone? Exchange of services or actual payment considered. Contact me for details (abgwsa1@yahoo.com) .

Do you have formal massage experience? Contact me for details (abgwsa1@yahoo.com).

The **ultimate frisbee** group will be playing every Saturday and Tuesday from 8 - 9:30 pm (20.00-21.30) on the Island's fields. **All** skill levels are welcome.



October 29 was the date of a very special gathering of families: children and parents dressed in a variety of costumes, played lots of games, and had a wonderful time. They even walked parade-style to show off their colorful and imaginative creations!

Prizes were given for the scariest, funniest and most creative costumes. Face painting, pumpkin painting as well as cookie decorating were some of the activities the happy international attendees enjoyed.

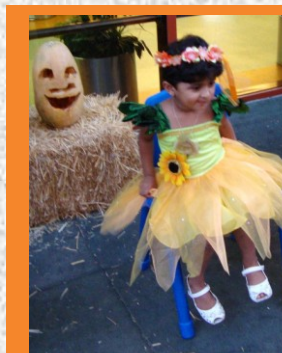
SO – what's next?



LOOK in the next issue of ORSC for the winner of a writing competition in grade 5. The students took a 3-hour tour of our **KAUST campus** and will be writing about their impressions and experiences on that tour. **TO Ms. Gawith's class:** think, write, check spelling and punctuation – and give it heart !

What number goes in the last box to complete the sequence?

2
6
14
30
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The answer is below.

The Number is =

62: Add 1 to the first number and multiply by 2, and go on in the same way.